

TESTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Summary Overview: The updated AEPA testing program, sometimes referred to as the Arizona educator exams, now consists of two kinds of tests:

- AEPA customized tests. *These tests were developed specifically for the state of Arizona.*
- NES® (National Evaluation Series™) tests. The NES is a nationally available teacher certification testing program with tests that are aligned to profession-accepted national subject and pedagogy standards. ***Effective March 1, 2013, NES tests are the official tests to fulfill many subject knowledge testing requirements for Arizona teacher certification.***
- All tests in the program, both custom AEPA and NES, address areas covered by Arizona state standards.

Computer-based testing (CBT): All NES tests and AEPA custom tests are computer-based. A CBT design means access to tests by appointment, year round—examinees do not have to wait for an assigned date before testing.

Question	Answer
What test do I take?	Arizona Educator Exams [PDF]
Where do I go to register for the test I need?	www.nestest.com/Arizona http://www.aepa.nesinc.com/
Where do I take the test?	It is a “computer based test” (NOT ONLINE) Pearson VUE - Test Center Search
When can I test?	Testing centers are available Monday through Saturday, depending on the center you choose.
How much time is allowed on the test?	Located on the test profile for each NES Test can be found at www.nestest.com/arizona Located on the AEPA Study Guide for each individual exam at http://www.aepa.nesinc.com/
How many questions are on the test?	Located on the test profile for each NES Test can be found at www.nestest.com/arizona Located on the AEPA Study Guide for each individual exam at http://www.aepa.nesinc.com/
When will I get my results?	Arizona Educator Exams [PDF]
How do I access my testing history and results?	How do I access my testing history and results?
What testing tips and strategies can you provide?	Testing Tips and Strategies

Explanation of passing scores: Your score report indicates your status for each test you have taken. Your test status is based on all sections of the test and is reported as "Passed" or "Not Passed." Your total test score is converted to a scale with a range of 100–300. For the AEPA program, the scaled score of 240 was chosen to represent the passing score for each AEPA custom test. For the NES tests, the passing score is represented by a scaled score of 220. The scaled score that represents the passing score (either 220 or 240, as described above) is not indicative of the difficulty level of any specific test. If the passing score for a test is represented by a scaled score of 220 that does not indicate that the test is easier or less rigorous than tests for which the passing score is represented by a scaled score of 240. The passing scores have been determined separately for each test based on recommendations of committees of educators and are designed to reflect the level of knowledge and skills required to teach in Arizona public schools. All passing scores have been reviewed and approved by the Arizona Board of Education.